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REPORT ON PUBLIC LIBRARIES

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To the Commissioner of Education

As State Director of libraries I report on the public libraries section for the year ending Sep. 30, 1904, as follows:

Staff and expenditures. The work has been done by the same staff as last year.

Approximate expenditures for grants, books, binding and pictures for home education including public libraries, traveling libraries and collections, study clubs and extension teaching were: cash grants to public libraries \$24,048.14, books \$4457.48, binding \$121.14, pictures, lanterns and slides \$3000, regular salaries \$27,990.67, not including \$2516.57 for part time services.

LIBRARIES UNDER STATE SUPERVISION

Charters and transfers. During the year 9 permanent and 7 provisional library charters were granted. Five provisional charters previously granted were made permanent. One charter was amended by changing the corporate name, and two by changing the number of trustees and the methods of their election. Five library transfers were approved and the charters of two of those transferred and of two previously transferred and thus consolidated with other libraries were surrendered and the corporations dis-

solved. One provisional charter was surrendered and one was withdrawn by the Regents.

The following tables show location, name, volumes and property of each library.

Library charters, Oct. 1, 1903-Sep. 30, 1904

No.	Postoffice	Corporate name	Volumes	Property
<i>Permanent charters</i>				
1	Brocton.....	Ahira Hall Memorial Library	600	\$7 500 ..
2	Dunkirk.....	Dunkirk Free Library.....	5 950	5 449 75
3	Fishers Island.....	Fishers Island Library Association.....	908	1 347 24
4	Hamilton.....	Hamilton Public Library.....	762	1 078 14
5	Morrisville.....	Morrisville Library.....	1 000	3 600 ..
6	Rensselaer.....	Rensselaer City Library.....	.....	1 000 ..
7	South Salem.....	South Salem Library.....	1 265	6 341 98
8	Thousand Island Park.....	Thousand Island Park Library.....	1 053	8 000 ..
9	Warsaw.....	Warsaw Public Library.....	5 400	19 000 ..
<i>Provisional charters made permanent</i>				
1	Bolivar.....	Bolivar Free Library.....	2 060	1 415 ..
2	Friendship.....	Friendship Free Library.....	3 075	2 267 58
3	Millbrook.....	Millbrook Free Library.....	2 030	1 625 26
4	Nanuet.....	Nanuet Public Library.....	1 700	1 062 50
5	Red Hook.....	Red Hook Public Library.....	1 107	1 039 50
<i>Provisional charters for five years</i>				
1	Almond.....	Almond Twentieth Century Club Library.....	400	460 80
2	Bayville.....	Bayville Free Library.....	92	425 90
3	Clayton.....	Clayton Free Library.....	.....	200 ..
4	Locust Valley.....	Locust Valley Public Library	475	480 ..
5	Russell.....	Russell Public Library.....	200	600 ..
6	Valois.....	Valois Free Library.....	.....	224 25
7	Whallonsburg.....	Whallonsburg Public Library	81	101 ..

<i>Charters amended</i>		
1	Friendship.....	Charter of Friendship Free Library amended to change the number of trustees from seven to five, their successors to be elected by the members of the corporation
2	Montour Falls.....	Name changed from Montour Falls Free Library to Montour Falls Memorial Library
3	Ossining.....	Charter of Ossining Public Library amended to change the number of trustees from three to five and their terms of service from three to five years and also to provide that all trustees of this corporation and their successors shall be elected by the Ossining Board of Education and that the corporation shall be located at Ossining

Library transfers approved Oct. 1, 1903–Sep. 30, 1904

No.	From	To	Vols.
1	Harlem Library.....	New York Public Library...	24 000
2	East Side House Settlement.....	" ..	12 415
3	Tottenville Library Association...	" ..	2 900
4	Bd of education dist. no. 1 Andover.....	Andover Free Library.....	.....
5	Hudson River Institute.....	Claverack Free Library and Reading Room.....	286

Charters surrendered and corporations dissolved

Aguilar Free Library, New York, became branch of New York Public Library

American Hebrew Library, Whitestone

Harlem Library, New York, became branch of New York Public Library

Tottenville Library Association became branch of New York Public Library

Washington Heights Free Library, New York, became branch of New York Public Library

Charter withdrawn

Copake Free Library

Approval of acceptance of library gifts. In accordance with § 36 of the University law, acceptances of gifts for library buildings were approved by the Regents under seal and recorded as follows:

Approvals of acceptance of library gifts Oct. 1, 1903–Sep. 30, 1904

Date	Library	Donor	Amount
Dec. 3, 1903	Penn Yan Public Library..	Andrew Carnegie....	\$10 000
Ap. 26, 1904	Warsaw Public Library....	" ..	10 000

Growth. The number of libraries holding University charters, after deducting 3 withdrawn, 1 by consolidation, and 2 for lack of support, has increased by 13. There are now 238 independent libraries in the University, all except 5 being free for circulation of books. 76 of these libraries, having less than \$1000 in books and other library property, are incorporated provisionally for 5 years. 5 libraries of this class, having gained the required property, have received permanent charters during the year.

Resources of new libraries. Out of 9 libraries receiving permanent charters 5 are provided with excellent buildings, either in actual possession or in immediate prospect, those at Dunkirk and Warsaw being gifts from Mr Carnegie. The value of the Dunkirk building does not appear in the table as it was not assured at the date of application for charter.

The 5 provisional charters made permanent show the result of patient effort and steady growth.

The 7 provisional charters mark the beginning of new enterprises for the service of small communities. In each case the amount named in the table has been considerably increased by state allotments of public library money. Within a short time each of them will doubtless be able to claim a permanent charter.

Transfers. During the year 3 libraries in the city of New York have become branches of the New York Public Library by transfer of all their books and other library property. These are the Harlem Library chartered by the Legislature in 1820, the Webster Free Library, connected with the East Side House since 1894 and the Tottenville Library, founded in Richmond county in 1899. Part of the School Library in Andover was transferred to the Free Library in the same town, and on the closing of the Hudson River Institute at Claverack, 286 of its books were sent to the Claverack Free Library.

Corporations dissolved. 4 libraries in the city of New York, having become branches of the New York Public Library within 2 or 3 years, surrendered their charters and the corporations were dissolved by Regents vote. The American Hebrew Library at Whitestone, provisionally incorporated Dec. 21, 1899, surrendered its charter and was dissolved. Copake Free Library provisionally incorporated in 1900 failed to obtain needed support and, after due notice, the charter was annulled.

Registered libraries. 10 libraries have been registered as maintaining a proper library standard. 6 of these are branch libraries, 3 belonging to the Brooklyn Public Library, and 1 each to the Buffalo Public, the Queensborough, and the Syracuse Public libraries. In addition to these, the railroad branch of the Y. M. C. A. at West Albany and the Young Men's Hebrew Association of New York have registered their libraries and the Balmville Free Circulating Library, near Newburgh, and the Oswego City Library have obtained registry. The latter was incorporated by act of Legislature in 1853 and has 13,000 volumes. The Montague branch of the Brooklyn Public Library was formerly the Brooklyn Library chartered by the Legislature in 1857, containing 163,400 books and holding property valued at \$850,000. The library at Tottenville, having surrendered its charter to become a branch of the New York Public is also added to the number of registered libraries, of which there are now 122 which added to 238 chartered and admitted libraries and one library association holding a limited

charter makes the total number which are as libraries in direct relation to the University 361.

Annual reports this year show 554 free lending libraries under inspection, and since these returns are not complete it is evident that more than 200 libraries connected with high schools are free for public use, though not formally registered as public libraries and not asking for the aid of public library money.

Libraries and branches registered Oct. 1, 1903-1904

No.	Postoffice	Name	Volumes	Property
1	Albany.....	R. R. Y. M. C. A. Library (West Albany).....	1 500	\$1 200 ..
2	Brooklyn.....	Brooklyn Public Library, Montague branch.....	163 400	850 000 ..
3	.....	Ridgewood branch.....	3 017	3 165 ..
4	.....	Sheepshead Bay branch.....	3 045	1 841 55
5	Buffalo.....	Buffalo Public Library, Joseph P. Dudley branch.....	1 800	2 150 ..
6	Far Rockaway...	Queensborough Library, Far Rockaway branch.....	600	30 600 ..
7	New York.....	Young Men's Hebrew Association Library.....	7 566	6 000 ..
8	Newburgh.....	Balmville Free Circulating Library.....	1 015	1 428 ..
9	Oswego.....	Oswego City Library.....	13 000	25 000 ..
10	Syracuse.....	Syracuse Public Library, North Side branch.....	1 352	1 000 ..

INSPECTION

Libraries visited. During the year ending June 30, 1904 inspector William R. Eastman and subinspector William F. Yust made 408 library visits, this number being greater by 78 than in any previous year. These were in 56 counties; 58 of these libraries had not been previously reached and 31 are not connected with the Education Department. Charters were granted to 21 of the libraries visited. The charters of 3 were amended; the charters of 5 were dissolved or withdrawn. 10 were registered as maintaining a proper standard and 243 received grants of public library money.

The inspector gave 54 lectures and addresses in communities desiring to establish public libraries or to add to their equipment, before library associations and institutes in the State and Pratt Institute library schools and at Chautauqua Assembly. Six lectures on library buildings were illustrated by stereopticon pictures.

Certificates of approved circulation. Certificates of approved circulation were issued to 37 libraries and branches which, being in charge of private corporations, are free for public use.

The statements and figures thus certified were made the basis of applications for aid by local taxation under section 37 of the University law. The total circulation covered by these certificates was 4,182,208, of which 3,737,257 was from libraries in Manhattan and Richmond boroughs in the city of New York and 209,000 from those of Albany.

The figures given include 3 supplemental certificates amounting to 707,251 recognizing traveling library circulation and reference work.

Certificates of approved circulation Oct. 1, 1903–Sep. 30, 1904

No.	Name of library	Certified circulation for one year
1	Albany Free.....	28 000
2	Pine Hills branch.....	19 000
3	Union Free.....	40 000
4	Young Men's Association.....	55 000
5	Pruyn branch.....	57 000
6	Young Men's Christian Association.....	10 000
7	Amsterdam Free.....	39 000
8	Auburn, Seymour.....	42 000
9	Frankfort Free.....	7 500
10	Gloversville Free.....	67 500
	(Supplemental).....	7 251
11	New York, Cathedral Free Circulating.....	121 500
	(Supplemental).....	200 000
12	Maimonides Free.....	181 000
13	New York Public, Aguilar branch.....	204 000
14	Avenue C branch.....	179 000
15	Bloomingdale branch.....	168 000
16	Bond st. branch.....	105 000
17	Chatham sq. branch.....	187 000
18	East Broadway branch.....	185 000
19	East 76th st. branch.....	66 500
20	59th st. branch.....	150 000
21	George Bruce branch.....	122 000
22	Harlem branch.....	132 500
23	Harlem Library branch.....	136 000
24	Jackson sq. branch.....	122 000
25	Library for the Blind.....	8 057
26	Mullenberg branch.....	106 000
27	Ottendorfer branch.....	187 000
28	Riverside branch.....	71 000
29	St Agnes branch.....	124 000
30	34th st. branch.....	66 500
31	Tottenville branch.....	14 200
32	Washington Heights branch.....	90 500
33	Yorkville branch.....	205 000
	(Supplemental).....	500 000
34	University Settlement Free.....	71 000
35	Young Women's Christian Association.....	86 500
36	Tarrytown, Young Men's Lyceum.....	3 200
37	Troy, Children's Circulating.....	17 500
	Total.....	4 182 208

MONEY ALLOTMENTS

Allotments of public library money were made to 281 libraries including branches. These were sent out each month in the year except April 1904, a second payment for March having been made on the 25th.

The total apportionment was \$24,048.14, an average of \$85 a library, each being limited to \$100. There were 107 applications in excess of the sum paid, 102 of these being for \$200, the full amount allowed by ordinance.

Approved applications from the same libraries amounted to \$34,237.14 or \$10,189 in excess of all allotments. If it could be announced that funds were sufficient to allow payment according to the ordinance allowing \$200 to a library, doubtless the applications would be still larger by \$2000 or \$3000.

The following tables show monthly payments and amount given to each library.

Public library allotments

Date	No. of libraries	Asked in sums of \$200 and less	Allotted in sums of \$100 and less
1903—Oct. 6.....	53	\$6 070 ..	\$4 645 ..
Nov. 2.....	35	5 601 ..	3 341 ..
Dec. 4.....	59	9 235 ..	5 535 ..
1904—Jan. 5.....	22	1 905 ..	1 626 ..
Feb. 1.....	15	1 534 50	1 134 50
Mar. 2.....	16	1 622 50	1 272 50
Mar. 25.....	10	1 330 ..	855 ..
May 2.....	18	1 870 ..	1 370 ..
June 1.....	7	475 89	475 89
July 1.....	20	2 188 ..	1 788 ..
Aug. 1.....	6	760 ..	660 ..
Sep. 16.....	20	1 645 25	1 345 25
Total.....	281	\$34 237 14	\$24 048 14

Libraries receiving grants Oct. 1, 1903–Sep. 30, 1904

1 Adams Free Library .. \$100 ..	7 Alden Free Library ... \$100 ..
2 Albany Free Library (2 branches)..... 200 ..	8 Alfred University Li- brary..... 100 ..
3 Albany, Union Free Library..... 100 ..	9 Allens Hill Free Circu- lating Library..... 20 ..
4 Albany, Young Men's Association Library (2 branches)..... 200 ..	10 Almond Twentieth Cen- tury Club Library. . 100 ..
5 Albany, Y. M. C. A. Li- brary..... 100 ..	11 Amsterdam Free Li- brary..... 100 ..
6 Albion, Swan Library. 100 ..	12 Andover Free Library. 50 ..
	13 Angella Free Library. 100 ..

14 Auburn, Seymour Li- brary.....	\$100 ..	44 Claverack Free Library and Reading Room.	\$30 ..
15 Aurora Public Library	100 ..	45 Clayton Free Library.	100 ..
16 Ballston Spa Public Li- brary.....	100 ..	46 Collins Free Library..	100 ..
17 Bay Shore Free Library	100 ..	47 Corning Free Library.	100 ..
18 Bayville Free Library.	50 ..	48 Cornwall - on - Hudson Public Library.....	45 ..
19 Belfast Public Library	70 ..	49 Crown Point, Ham- mond Library.....	25 ..
20 Belmont Literary and Historical Society Free Library.....	100 ..	50 Cuba Circulating Li- brary Association...	100 ..
21 Bolton Free Library...	50 ..	51 Dansville Public Li- brary.....	100 ..
22 Boonville, Erwin Li- brary and Institute.	100 ..	52 Delhi Free Library....	100 ..
23 Brewster Library.....	100 ..	53 Depew, R. R. Y. M. C. A. Library.....	100 ..
24 Bristol Free Library ..	50 ..	54 Dryden, Southworth Library.....	100 ..
25 Brockport Normal School Library.....	100 ..	55 Dunkirk Free Library.	100 ..
26 Brooklyn Public Li- brary (20 branches).	2 000 ..	56 East Chatham Public Library.....	25 ..
27 Brooklyn, Children's Museum Library....	100 ..	57 East Rockaway Free Library.....	55 ..
28 Buffalo Catholic Insti- tute Library.....	100 ..	58 Easton, Burton Li- brary.....	75 ..
29 Buffalo Historical So- ciety Library.....	100 ..	59 Ellenville Public Li- brary.....	100 ..
30 Buffalo Public Library (3 branches).....	300 ..	60 Elmira, Steele Memo- rial Library.....	100 ..
31 Buffalo, Grosvenor Public Library.....	100 ..	61 Essex Free Library ...	100 ..
32 Buffalo, Women's Edu- cational and Indus- trial Union.....	25 ..	62 Fairport Public Li- brary.....	85 ..
33 Camden Library Asso- ciation.....	60 ..	63 Fishers Island Library Association.....	100 ..
34 Canaan Public Library	50 ..	64 Fort Plain Free Library	100 ..
35 Canandaigua, Wood Library Association.	100 ..	65 Frankfort Free Library	100 ..
36 Canastota Public Li- brary.....	100 ..	66 Franklinville Free Li- brary.....	100 ..
37 Canisteo, Wimodaugh- sian Free Library...	75 ..	67 Fredonia, D. R. Barker Library Association.	100 ..
38 Canton Free Library..	100 ..	68 Freeport Public Li- brary.....	100 ..
39 Carmel Literary Union Library.....	50 ..	69 Friendship Free Li- brary.....	100 ..
40 Catskill Public Library	100 ..	70 Fulton Public Library.	100 ..
41 Cazenovia Public Li- brary Society.....	100 ..	71 Geneseo, Wadsworth Library.....	100 ..
42 Cherry Valley Library.	100 ..	72 Ghent Public Library.	75 ..
43 Chester Free Library..	30 ..	73 Gilbertsville Free Li- brary.....	80 25

74	Glen Cove Public Library.....	\$100 ..	103	Lake Placid Public Library.....	\$100 ..
75	Glens Falls, Crandall Free Library.....	100 ..	104	Lewiston Free Library	100 ..
76	Gloversville Free Library.....	100 ..	105	Liberty Public Library	50 ..
77	Gowanda Free Library	100 ..	106	Lockport Public Library.....	100 ..
78	Granville Free Library	100 ..	107	Locust Valley Public Library.....	100 ..
79	Greenwich Free Library.....	100 ..	108	Long Island City, Queens Borough Library (10 branches).	1 000 ..
80	Groton Public Library	100 ..	109	Lowville Free Library.	100 ..
81	Haines Falls Free Library.....	50 ..	110	Madalin, Tivoli Public Library.....	20 89
82	Hamburg Free Library	75 ..	111	Marathon, Peck Memorial Library.....	100 ..
83	Hamilton Public Library.....	100 ..	112	Marlboro Library.....	25 ..
84	Haverstraw, Kings Daughters Public Library.....	100 ..	113	Massapequa, DeLancey Floyd-Jones Free Library.....	85 ..
85	Herkimer Free Library	100 ..	114	Mattituck Free Library	16 ..
86	Hilton Public Library.	100 ..	115	Mayville, Tuesday Club Library.....	100 ..
87	Homer, Phillips Free Library.....	100 ..	116	Middletown Library ..	100 ..
88	Honeoye Public Library.....	50 ..	117	Millbrook Free Library	100 ..
89	Hornellsville, Hornell Library Association.	100 ..	118	Milton, Sarah Hull Hallock Free Library	75 ..
90	Hunter Public Library	50 ..	119	Mohawk Public Library.....	50 ..
91	Ilion District Library.	100 ..	120	Montour Falls Memorial Library.....	100 ..
92	Interlaken, Farmer Free Library.....	100 ..	121	Moravia, Powers Library.....	100 ..
93	Irvington, Guiteau Library.....	100 ..	122	Morristown Public Library.....	50 ..
94	Jamestown, James Prendergast Library Association.....	100 ..	123	Morrisville Library...	100 ..
95	Johnstown Public Library.....	100 ..	124	Mount Vernon Public Library.....	100 ..
96	Jordanville Public Library.....	30 ..	125	Nanuet Public Library	60 ..
97	Keene Center Free Library.....	25 ..	126	Nassau Free Library..	37 50
98	Keene Valley Public Library.....	50 ..	127	New Berlin Library...	100 ..
99	Keuka College and Institute Library.....	100 ..	128	New Hampton, Denton Library.....	100 ..
100	Kingston City Library	100 ..	129	New Rochelle Public Library.....	100 ..
101	Kingston, Ponckhockie Public Library	30 ..	130	New York, Bronx Free Library.....	100 ..
102	Lake George Free Library.....	15 ..	131	New York, Bryson Library, Teachers College.....	100 ..

132 New York, Harlem Li- brary.....	\$100 ..	156 Oyster Bay Free Li- brary.....	\$100 ..
133 New York, High Bridge Free Library.....	100 ..	157 Palmyra Kings Daugh- ters Free Library...	100 ..
134 New York, Hudson Guild Library.....	100 ..	158 Patchogue Library....	100 ..
135 New York, Maimonides Free Library.....	100 ..	159 Penn Yan Public Li- brary.....	100 ..
136 New York Public Li- brary, circulating dep't (18 branches)...	1 800 ..	160 Phoenicia Free Library	25 ..
137 New York, Union Settlement Library .	100 ..	161 Piermont Free Library	100 ..
138 New York, Y. M. B. A. Free Circulating Li- brary.....	100 ..	162 Pinebush Library.....	100 ..
139 New York, Young Men's Hebrew Ass'n Library.....	100 ..	163 Pine Plains Free Li- brary.....	49 ..
140 New York, Y. W. C. A. Free Circulating Li- brary.....	100 ..	164 Plattsburg Public Li- brary.....	100 ..
141 Newark Free Public Library.....	100 ..	165 Pleasant Valley Free Library.....	25 ..
142 Newark Valley Public Library.....	100 ..	166 Pleasantville Library Association.....	100 ..
143 Newburgh, Balmville Free Circulating Li- brary.....	25 ..	167 Port Henry, Sherman Free Library.....	100 ..
144 Niagara Falls Public Library.....	100 ..	168 Port Jervis, Minisink Valley Historical So- ciety Library.....	50 ..
145 Nineveh Public Li- brary.....	100 ..	169 Port Jervis Free Li- brary.....	100 ..
146 North Java Free Li- brary.....	100 ..	170 Port Washington Free Library.....	30 ..
147 North Tonawanda Pub- lic Library.....	100 ..	171 Portchester Library...	100 ..
148 Nyack Library.....	100 ..	172 Portville Free Library.	25 ..
149 Ogdensburg Public Li- brary.....	100 ..	173 Potsdam Public Li- brary and Reading Room.....	100 ..
150 Olean, Forman Library	100 ..	174 Red Creek, Green Wood Public Library.....	10 50 ..
151 Oneonta Public Li- brary.....	100 ..	175 Red Hook Public Li- brary.....	55 ..
152 Ossining Public Li- brary.....	100 ..	176 Remsen, Didymus Thomas Library....	25 ..
153 Oswego City Library..	100 ..	177 Rensselaer, Bath-on- Hudson Public Li- brary.....	100 ..
154 Oswego, State Normal School Library	100 ..	178 Rensselaer City Li- brary.....	100 ..
155 Oxford Memorial Li- brary.....	100 ..	179 Riverhead Free Li- brary.....	100 ..
		180 Riverhead, Roanoke Public Library	25 ..
		181 Rockville Center Pub- lic Library.....	100 ..

182 Rome, Jervis Library Association.....	\$100 ..	204 Troy, Y. W. A. Library.....	\$50 ..
183 Round Lake, Woman's Round Lake Improvement Society Library.....	50 ..	205 Union Springs, Springport Free Library..	85 ..
184 Russell Public Library	100 ..	206 Utica Public Library..	100 ..
185 Salem, Bancroft Public Library.....	100 ..	207 Valois Free Library...	100 ..
186 Saratoga Springs Public Library.....	100 ..	208 Vernon Public Library	100 ..
187 Saugerties Public Library.....	100 ..	209 Walden Public Library	100 ..
188 Schenectady, Union College Library....	100 ..	210 Warrensburg, Richards Library.....	100 ..
189 Schuylerville Free Library.....	100 ..	211 Warwick, Y. M. C. A. Library.....	100 ..
190 Sea Cliff Public Library	100 ..	212 Waterford Public Library.....	100 ..
191 Shelter Island Public Library.....	75 ..	213 Waterloo Library and Historical Society..	100 ..
192 Sherburne Public Library.....	100 ..	214 Waterville Public Library.....	100 ..
193 Sidney Public Library	100 ..	215 Watkins Public Library.....	100 ..
194 South Dansville, Ladies Free Library...	30 ..	216 Waverly High School Library.....	100 ..
195 South Otselic Public Library.....	25 ..	217 Wellsville Public Library.....	100 ..
196 Southampton, Rogers Memorial Library...	100 ..	218 West Winfield Free Library.....	50 ..
197 Springfield Free Library.....	15 ..	219 Westfield, Patterson Library.....	100 ..
198 Springville Public Library.....	100 ..	220 Westhampton Free Library.....	60 ..
199 Stockton, Mary E. Seymour Memorial Free Library.....	100 ..	221 Westport Library Association.....	50 ..
200 Syracuse Public Library (2 branches).	200 ..	222 Whallonsburg Public Library.....	34 ..
201 Ticonderoga Public Library.....	100 ..	223 White Plains Public Library.....	100 ..
202 Tomkins Cove Public Library.....	60 ..	224 Yonkers, Women's Institute Library	100 ..
203 Tonawanda Public Library.....	100 ..	225 Yonkers Public Library.....	100 ..
		Total.....	\$24 048 14

Support of free libraries. Of 360 independent libraries connected with the Education Department 281 have received aid from the state at an average of \$85 each for buying books. 36 libraries received money in the fiscal year 1903 which failed to apply during 1904.

11 libraries received grants two years ago which have since received nothing. In some instances the money obtained in one year is made to last for two years' purchase of books. In other cases this failure is due to carelessness of trustees who forget to use their privilege. In hardly any case is it impossible to raise some money for books when the state is ready to double the amount. The number aided or supported by local taxation is 202 which is a gain on last year's report of 184 and of 176 the previous year. Still there remain 159 of these approved free libraries dependent on endowment, voluntary contributions and state aid in buying books. The number in the state supported by endowment will not exceed 10 and only 35 have any help from this source. The public tax must always remain the chief reliance for public library support carrying with it the great advantage of showing to the people that the library is neither a charity nor a luxury but a necessity of the time and the property of all. The munificent Carnegie gifts, requiring a guaranty from the tax-levying power of a yearly 10% for library maintenance, have done much to influence popular thinking in this direction. The table of libraries in cities on page 346 shows that of 45 cities in the state, 6 paid nothing by taxation for free libraries. But the total paid by them all was \$647,693, a substantial gain of \$66,840 or 11% over 1903.

Statistics of public libraries division 1892-1904

Year ending Sep. 30	LIBRARIES						ALLOTMENTS	
	Chartered	Admitted	Registered	Total	Transfers	Certificates of approved circulation	Visits of inspection	No. Amount
1892.....	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
1893.....	25	2	.....	27	20	.....	35	40 \$6 341 74
1894.....	26	6	1	33	14	3	62	62 10 351 92
1895.....	24	10	20	54	18	6	115	86 14 399 03
1896.....	24	3	15	42	15	18	134	92 13 746 44
1897.....	17	1	20	38	4	22	115	146 24 254 51
1898.....	11	.....	9	20	2	26	104	154 24 536 66
1899.....	21	1	15	37	1	31	140	183 29 292 32
1900.....	25	1	7	33	4	74	141	173 26 891 43
1901.....	23	.....	13	36	7	55	151	200 19 599 51
1902.....	34	.....	11	45	14	55	309	243 22 767 49
1903.....	22	.....	5	27	7	43	330	245 21 704 17
1904.....	21	.....	11	32	5	37	408	281 24 048 14
Duplicates and withdrawn....	59	1	5	65	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	216	23	122	361	111	370	2 064	1 905 \$237 933 36

LIBRARY PROGRESS

Comparative summaries. Totals of reports made to us by 1140 libraries of 200 volumes or more are compared with totals of similar reports of preceding years since organization of this section 1892. The circulation of libraries free to a limited class, as school, Y. M. C. A. libraries and those requiring a subscription fee, is included with circulation of libraries free to all. In the next table only free lending libraries are given.

Comparative summary of all libraries reporting 1893-1904

YEAR	No. of libraries	VOLUMES		Circulation
		Added	Total	
1893.....	600	225 195	3 851 943	3 136 602
1894.....	704	246 751	4 133 378	3 619 178
1895.....	723	258 741	4 392 999	4 156 744
1896.....	806	296 498	4 647 661	5 008 402
1897.....	869	324 687	4 934 889	5 814 470
1898.....	938	373 615	5 393 106	7 248 249
1899.....	985	441 964	5 846 519	8 372 333
1900.....	1 035	483 551	6 217 980	8 760 678
1901.....	a1 137	616 941	6 796 241	10 227 735
1902.....	1 137	464 751	6 975 540	10 984 625
1903.....	1 160	435 898	7 415 376	11 839 828
1904.....	1 140	456 904	7 700 367	12 219 458

a 25 registered branches counted for the first time in 1901.

Free lending libraries 1893-1904

YEAR	LIBRARIES		CIRCULATION			
	No.	Volumes	Total	Per day	Per 1000 population	Per 100 vol.
1893.....	238	849 995	2 293 861	6 285	352	269
1894.....	293	1 049 869	2 766 973	7 581	425	263
1895.....	309	1 127 199	3 146 405	8 620	483	279
1896.....	351	1 313 299	3 933 623	10 777	604	300
1897.....	375	1 446 874	4 904 793	13 438	753	339
1898.....	408	1 755 036	6 439 999	17 644	989	367
1899.....	431	1 979 319	7 395 527	20 262	1 135	373
1900.....	460	2 187 125	8 452 445	23 157	1 163	387
1901.....	a529	2 425 260	9 232 697	25 350	1 270	381
1902.....	550	2 598 472	10 063 703	27 571	1 385	387
1903.....	555	2 804 628	10 897 126	29 855	1 500	390
1904.....	573	3 108 365	11 347 802	31 089	1 561	365

a 25 registered branches counted for the first time in 1901.

Statistics in the above table are separated below into free lending libraries under and not under state inspection. The first includes 238 academic and high school libraries reported free for public use though not registered as "public." The free libraries not in the University are but $3\frac{1}{3}\%$ of all.

Inspection of free lending libraries 1893-1904

YEAR	UNDER INSPECTION					NOT UNDER INSPECTION				
	No.	Volumes		CIRCULATION		No.	Volumes		CIRCULATION	
				Volumes	Per 100 vol.				Volumes	Per 100 vol.
1893.....	201	404	616	796	258	196	37	454	619	1 497 603 329
1894.....	236	540	733	1 021	924	189	57	509	136	1 745 049 342
1895.....	257	612	533	1 242	284	203	52	514	666	1 904 121 370
1896.....	315	789	942	2 149	027	272	36	523	357	1 784 596 341
1897.....	339	1 038	618	4 003	021	385	36	408	256	1 044 431 255
1898.....	373	1 310	081	5 342	870	407	35	444	955	1 097 129 246
1899.....	397	1 697	439	6 792	172	400	34	281	880	603 355 214
1900.....	431	1 906	409	7 859	428	412	29	280	656	593 017 211
1901.....	^a 491	2 130	788	8 546	171	401	38	294	472	686 526 233
1902.....	521	2 314	414	9 435	226	407	29	284	058	628 477 221
1903.....	524	2 469	307	10 202	338	413	29	323	012	667 011 206
1904.....	554	2 919	358	11 065	287	379	19	189	007	282 515 150

^a 25 registered branches counted for the first time in 1901.

Growth. The libraries reporting are 1140, or 20 less than last year. Those failing to report are among the smaller high school libraries, free to a limited class only. Even with a smaller number of libraries, additions reported are larger than in 1903, and volumes and circulation are greater than in any previous year.

Selecting from the total the free lending libraries, as shown in the second table above, there is an increase in this class of 18 or 3% over last year, an increase in volumes of 303,737 or 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ % and in circulation of 450,676 or 4%. It would appear that the percentage of increased supply was considerably in advance of the increased demand. This is explained by the fact that the Brooklyn Library of 161,740 volumes, formerly open to subscribers only, became within the year a branch of the Brooklyn Public Library and is thus transferred to the class of free libraries. Aside from this large addition the increase in volumes was 141,997 or 5%, corresponding more closely with the rate of increase in circulation.

The average of circulation now stands at 365 for each 100 volumes, lower than in any year since 1897. Last year it was 390 and

has been above 380 for 4 years past. If the large addition of books noted above was left out the average would now be 385. Some free libraries may do better work with diminished circulation. They may circulate more and more a class of books that require more time from the reader and less frequent exchanges. This would be a distinct gain. They may also put more time and energy into their more valuable reference work. Still there is a daily advance of 1234 in circulation over the previous year and an increase of 61 for each 1000 population. Besides the total free circulation of 11,347,802 there was a circulation of 871,656 from libraries not free to the public.

Libraries in cities. The following table shows free library resources and work in each of our 45 cities. Cortland and Olean have good libraries free for reference but none free for circulation. Jamestown, Oswego, Rochester and Troy, though enjoying free library privileges, report nothing paid from taxation this year for their support.

More than half the city population, books, circulation and library tax are in New York. Next is Buffalo with a circulation of 1,085,522, nearly 3 books for each inhabitant, while New York has less than 2 books for each.

Rochester is third in population, but has recently distributed its district library among the schools. Its remaining free public library, a valuable collection, is supported by private endowment. Syracuse, standing fourth in population, is third in books and amount of library tax, but fourth in circulation. Albany, fifth in size is also fifth in books and tax, but is third in circulation. Utica is seventh in size, seventh in books, fifth in circulation and fourth in amount of tax.

Comparing this table with that of 1903 representing 43 cities, we find that 2 cities, which in that year paid something, this year paid nothing. In 7 other cities the library payment was something less and in 19 cities it was more than the previous year. Large additions appear at Amsterdam, Cohoes, Little Falls, Mount Vernon, Newburgh, New York, Niagara Falls, North Tonawanda, Ogdensburg, Schenectady, Utica, Watervliet and Yonkers. In 7 of the above cities, new Carnegie buildings have been opened. New York paid \$50,000 more. The total increase in 45 cities was \$66,840 or 11% on last year's tax.

A column has been added showing the average tax per volume of circulation. It is not claimed that extent of circulation is a fair test of economic administration. Cheap books can be largely cir-

culated at small cost. The highest service may consist in sending out fewer books and better ones, or in developing valuable reference service which circulates nothing at all. Still this line of comparison is suggestive. The average of all the cities is $6\frac{1}{2}$ cents per volume. New York as a whole shows $6\frac{2}{3}$ cents, though there is considerable variation in the several boroughs, Manhattan showing $4\frac{1}{2}$ cents, Brooklyn $11\frac{1}{2}$ and Queens $12\frac{1}{8}$ cents per volume.

19 cities report a tax of less than 6 cents a volume.

11 report a tax of more than 7 cents. Syracuse reaches the limit of $18\frac{2}{3}$ cents, Watervliet 17 cents on the smallest circulation of any city, Ogdensburg $15\frac{2}{3}$, Niagara Falls $12\frac{3}{4}$, New Rochelle $12\frac{1}{4}$, North Tonawanda $10\frac{7}{8}$, Poughkeepsie $10\frac{3}{4}$ and Utica $10\frac{2}{3}$ cents per volume.

Free libraries in cities 1904

CITY	Population 1900	Volumes in free libraries	Circulation	Library taxa- tion for 1904	Tax per vol. of cir- culation
Albany.....	94 151	47 255	241 384	\$11 900 ..	\$.04 $\frac{1}{8}$
Amsterdam.....	20 929	6 266	40 619	2 500 ..	.06 $\frac{1}{2}$
Auburn.....	30 345	47 064	45 806	2 000 ..	.04 $\frac{1}{2}$
Binghamton.....	39 647	11 613	64 422	1 925 16	.03
Buffalo.....	352 387	208 969	1085 522	77 800 ..	.07
Cohoes.....	23 910	4 000	15 693	700 ..	.04 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corning.....	11 061	9 219	13 448	1 000 ..	.07 $\frac{1}{2}$
Cortland.....	9 014	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dunkirk.....	11 616	6 295	30 265	1 250 ..	.04 $\frac{1}{2}$
Elmira.....	35 672	9 263	45 973	2 119 87	.04 $\frac{1}{2}$
Fulton.....	5 281	4 724	22 285	500 ..	.02 $\frac{1}{2}$
Geneva.....	10 433	7 281	45 857	413 91	.00 $\frac{1}{10}$
Gloversville.....	18 349	22 073	68 407	3 000 ..	.04 $\frac{1}{2}$
Hornellsville.....	11 918	13 700	33 520	1 500 ..	.04 $\frac{1}{2}$
Hudson.....	9 528	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ithaca.....	13 136	22 995	42 613	200 ..	.00 $\frac{1}{2}$
Jamestown.....	22 892	24 696	88 404	.....	.....
Johnstown.....	10 130	8 791	40 079	3 042 12	.07 $\frac{1}{2}$
Kingston.....	24 535	8 424	32 030	3 091 74	.09 $\frac{1}{2}$
Little Falls.....	10 381	5 034	22 173	1 361 40	.06
Lockport.....	16 581	8 900	23 460	900 ..	.03 $\frac{5}{8}$
Middletown.....	14 522	10 178	57 935	3 300 ..	.05 $\frac{3}{8}$
Mount Vernon.....	20 346	11 140	82 553	5 500 ..	.06 $\frac{3}{8}$
Newburgh.....	24 943	31 564	76 141	4 949 33	.06 $\frac{1}{2}$
New Rochelle.....	14 720	13 824	65 759	8 043 74	.12 $\frac{1}{4}$
New York.....	3 437 202	1 221 389	6 339 190	425 947 50	.06 $\frac{2}{3}$
Manhattan borough.....	1 850 093	702 915	4 242 581	189 247 50	.04 $\frac{1}{2}$
Bronx borough.....	200 507	7 686	21 295	a.....	.....
Brooklyn borough.....	1 166 582	451 809	1 810 139	206 700 ..	.11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Queensborough.....	152 999	50 117	246 755	30 000 ..	.12 $\frac{1}{8}$
Richmond borough.....	67 021	8 862	18 420	a.....	.....
Niagara Falls.....	19 457	13 134	78 161	10 000 ..	.12 $\frac{1}{4}$
North Tonawanda....	9 069	5 642	18 285	2 000 ..	.10 $\frac{1}{4}$
Ogdensburg.....	12 633	11 891	15 985	2 500 ..	.15 $\frac{2}{3}$
Olean.....	9 462	.....	.....	.....	.....

aIncluded in Manhattan borough.

Free libraries in cities 1904 (*continued*)

CITY	Population 1900	Volumes in free libraries	Circulation	Library taxa- tion for 1904	Tax per vol. of cir- culation
Oneida.....	6 364	74 500	11 194	\$250 ..	\$.02½
Oswego.....	22 199	6 819	20 804	.....	.....
Plattsburg.....	8 434	5 291	35 314	1 000 ..	.02
Poughkeepsie.....	24 029	36 861	83 873	9 000 ..	.10
Rensselaer.....	7 466	12 800	9 000	500 ..	.05
Rochester.....	162 608	53 603	14 040	.....	.....
Rome.....	15 343	13 040	40 917	1 500 ..	.03
Schenectady.....	31 682	12 610	64 351	5 000 ..	.07
Syracuse.....	108 374	118 888	162 905	30 000 ..	.18
Tonawanda.....	7 421	4 058	9 624	470 23	.05
Troy.....	73 246	46 420	62 976	.....	.....
Utica.....	56 383	38 095	140 834	15 000 ..	.10
Watertown.....	21 696	4 550	14 582	517 88	.03½
Watervliet.....	14 321	1 285	2 996	510 30	.17
Yonkers.....	47 931	22 820	99 090	6 500 ..	.06½
Total.....	4 951 747	2 168 237	9 508 469	\$647 693 18	.06½

New York city. The following table gives volumes and circulation of each free library in each borough.

Only 4 libraries are receiving any income from city taxation. Others are supported by endowments, subscriptions and individual gifts and services. Several are connected with city charitable and educational work.

Some libraries, reported in former years, having become branches of the New York Public Library, disappear from the list. The total increase for the year is 212,069 volumes or 21% and increase in circulation 388,415 or 6½%. Aside from Brooklyn Library books, the increase would be 50,329 volumes or 5%, increase both in new books and in circulation being somewhat less than in 1903. The amount received from taxation increased \$50,699.09 or 13%.

Manhattan borough gained 15,704 in volumes or 2% and 71,489 in circulation or 1¼%. Brooklyn gained 196,559 in volumes and in circulation 283,249 or 18%. Leaving out the Brooklyn Library, increase in volumes is 34,819 or 13%. Queensborough libraries increased 5161 in volumes or 11% and in circulation 30,248 or 14%.

The books in the New York free libraries are 39% of all in the state, while their circulation for the year is 55% of the state returns. Proportion of circulation to books is 360 to 100 in the state and 519 to 100 in the city.

Volumes and circulation of free lending libraries in New York city July 1, 1903-
June 30, 1904

NAME OF LIBRARY	Volumes	Circulation
<i>Manhattan</i>		
New York Public, circulating dep't (21 branches) ..	381 312	3 276 454
Cathedral Free Circulating	71 981	373 715
Maimonides Free	83 471	194 840
Young Men's Benevolent Association	4 694	131 498
Young Women's Christian Association	32 687	96 451
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen	99 188	90 569
Union Settlement	2 679	16 220
College Settlement	2 841	13 800
Hudson Guild	2 100	11 100
Madison Sq. Church House	3 686	10 565
De Witt Memorial	2 480	10 002
Neighborhood Settlement	2 385	6 238
Bethany Memorial Circulating	2 140	6 011
Olivet Church	3 100	3 356
Foreign Missions	8 171	1 762
Total	702 915	4 242 581
<i>Bronx</i>		
Bronx Free	3 213	17 854
High Bridge Free	1 075	2 428
Riverdale Library Association	3 398	1 013
Total	7 686	21 295
<i>Brooklyn</i>		
Brooklyn Public (20 branches)	360 502	1 614 437
Pratt Institute Free	79 822	146 580
Hebrew Educational Society	6 514	34 349
Hartnett Free	3 934	14 189
Public School no. 119	1 037	584
Total	451 809	1 810 139
<i>Queens</i>		
Long Island City, Queens Borough (10 branches) ..	47 812	245 784
Jamaica High School	2 305	971
Total	50 117	246 755
<i>Richmond</i>		
New York Public, Tottenville Branch	3 087	14 920
New Brighton, Staten Island Academy	5 775	3 500
Total	8 862	18 420
<i>Summary</i>		
Borough of Manhattan	702 915	4 242 581
" Bronx	7 686	21 295
" Brooklyn	451 809	1 810 139
" Queens	50 117	246 755
" Richmond	8 862	18 420
Total	1 221 389	6 339 190

Administration. The following libraries report that classification or cataloguing, or both, in some cases a complete reorganization, is in progress or completed. In a few cases a printed catalogue has been issued.

Alexandria Bay, Holland	Moravia, Powers
Auburn High School	Newark Valley Public
Belmont High School	Niagara Falls, De Veaux School
Binghamton High School	North Cohocton and Atlanta High School
Claverack Free	Onondaga Valley, Onondaga Academy
Cohoes Public School	Ontario High School
Cornwall Public	Oriskany Union School
East Bloomfield High School	Peekskill, Drum Hill High School
Fishkill-on-Hudson High School	Peekskill, Field
Frankfort High School	Schaghticoke High School
Freeport Public	Schoharie Public School
Herkimer Public School	Skaneateles High School
Hinsdale, Maplehurst Union School	Springfield Center Union School
Jamesville High School	Springville, Griffith Inst. and Union School
Keene Valley Public	Tarrytown Lyceum
Madalin, Tivoli Public	West Winfield Free
Malone, Village School District	
Massena High School	
Merrick	

Of 35 libraries named above, 23 are school libraries. Testimony is uniform that systematic arrangement of books with adequate catalogue or index has added greatly to their value to schools as well as to convenience of those who consult them.

Improved facilities. The following libraries report better accommodations in new rooms or additional cases and other furniture.

Altamont High School	Dexter High School
Amenia Union School	Dunkirk High School
Boonville, Erwin Library and Institute	Dunkirk, St Mary's Middle Academic
Boonville High School	Fort Covington High School
Brockport Normal School	Goshen High School
Brooklyn, Commercial High School (in prospect)	Greenport High School
Brooklyn, Hebrew Educational Society	Guilford Union School
Canandaigua, Wood	Haverstraw, Kings Daughters Public
Canastota Public	Herkimer Public School
Chateaugay High School	Highland Falls
Clifton Springs High School (in prospect)	Hinsdale, Maplehurst Union School
Clinton, Kirkland Town	Hyde Park Union School
Corfu Union School	Jamesville High School
	Lake Placid Public
	Lyons Falls High School

Manlius High School
 Marlboro
 Massena
 Mechanicville High School
 Milton, Sarah Hull Hallock, Free
 Montour Falls Memorial
 Mooers Union School
 Moravia, Powers
 Morris High School
 New York, Wadleigh High School
 New York, Y. M. C. A., 23d st.
 Northport High School
 Oriskany Union School
 Ossining Public

Oswego, R. R. Y. M. C. A.
 Ovid High School (in prospect)
 Phoenicia Free
 Port Washington, Flower Hill Union
 School
 Prattsburg High School
 South New Berlin Union School
 Troy, Y. W. A.
 Turin Union School
 Warwick, Y. M. C. A.
 Webster High School
 Whitney's Point High School
 Williamstown Union School

Out of 54 named, 35 are in schools.

Auburn Academic High School library was badly damaged by fire.

The Seymour Library of Auburn in accepting the deed of the Case Memorial building agreed to a contract with the city binding it to pay 9 cents a volume on the yearly circulation of the library, but not to exceed \$3000 in 1905.

Binghamton City School Library was by vote of Board of Education Aug. 1, 1904 merged into Binghamton Public Library.

Brooklyn Institute, Children's Museum Library reports increase of interest in high school pupils, the Training School for Teachers and many teachers preparing lessons on the new course of study. In 6 months 29,921 books were used in the rooms.

At Bridgehampton the Hampton Library proposes to open a free reading room.

Lafayette High School devotes one of the rooms in its new building to a branch of the Buffalo Public Library open to pupils one hour a day and to the public 3 hours.

Kirkland Town Library at Clinton has established a small station at the village of Kirkland.

Fillmore High School lost its entire library by fire Dec. 23, 1903.

The librarian of Hobart College, Geneva, having leave of absence for a year gave \$400 of his salary for books for the library.

Ilion Public Library increased its hours of opening. It is now open 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. From November 1903 to May 1904 it was open for reading on Sunday from 12:30 to 5:30 p. m.

Mountainside Library at Joshua's Rock gave a lantern slide lecture when it occupied its new building in August. A system of free book delivery by mail carrier is under consideration.

Katonah Village Improvement Society celebrated its 25th anniversary October 21, 1903.

Lewiston Union School lost its library by fire in February 1904.

Liverpool Public Library moved from the schoolhouse to a brick building.

Queensborough Library. Interior walls of Nelson branch have been repainted. A collection of 50 framed drawings in black and white, lent by the Century Co. has been hung.

Massena Library raised by a rummage sale \$55.60 for furnishing new rooms.

Mattituck Library to have rooms in a new building given to the village by Frank M. Lupton of Brooklyn.

New Berlin Library had free lectures and informal talks. Unadilla Valley Historical Society and the Village Improvement Society hold meetings in the library.

New Rochelle Public Library opened from November 22, 1903 its reading room on Sunday 2 to 6 p.m. Reading room attendance for the year was larger by 3595. A Bodley Club library is taken with 250 books exchanged every month. 7 lectures were given in Library Hall during the year.

Jewish Theological Seminary in New York reports that it has the most valuable collection of Hebrew books, manuscripts and scrolls in America. Since June 1903 it has acquired 11,000 volumes, including 50 incunabula.

The East High School of Rochester received 4000 from the Central Library which has been closed.

Rochester University is making extensive improvements in accommodations for the library.

Schaghticoke High School library was opened every week during the summer for use of students.

Syracuse Public Library, pending completion of its new building, has suffered from the separation of its reference and circulating departments in different buildings.

Syracuse University has added a west wing to its library building with rooms for cataloguing and the library economy department. A large lecture room is in the basement. The library was open evenings during the winter.

Yonkers Public Library has changed its charging system and published fiction lists and annual report. A series of book marks was used in the children's room. A bulletin containing subject reading lists was distributed.

New library buildings occupied within the year ending Sep. 30, 1904

Library	Date	Cost	Given by
Amsterdam Free Library....	2 N 1903	\$25 000 ..	Andrew Carnegie
Auburn, Seymour Library, Case Memorial.....	a19 Mr 1904	50 000 ..	Willard E. Case
Bolton Free Library.....	1 N 1903	2 156 ..	Contributions
Cambridge High School.....	25 Ap 1904	8 810 99	Mrs Lawrence Wil- liams and others
Greene, Moore Memorial Li- brary.....	28 Ja 1904	62 000 ..	W. H. & J. H. Moore
Joshua's Rock, Mountainside Library.....	29 Ag 1904	525 ..	Contributions
Kingston City Library.....	22 F 1904	35 000 ..	Andrew Carnegie
bMontour Falls Memorial Li- brary.....	21 Je 1904	3 500 ..	Jesse C. Woodhull
N. Y. Public Library, Chat- ham Square branch.....	2 N 1903	80 000 ..	Andrew Carnegie
N. Y. Public Library, Harlem branch.....	7 Mr 1904	80 000 ..	"
Niagara Falls Public Library.	14 Ap 1904	50 000 ..	"
Nyack Library.....	16 F 1904	15 000 ..	"
Pine Hill, Morton Library...	17 F 1904	2 500 ..	H. S. & Q. L. Morton
Port Jervis Free Library....	1 O 1903	30 000 ..	Andrew Carnegie
Queensborough Library, Far Rockaway branch.....	18 Ag 1904	30 000 ..	"
Schenectady Free Public Li- brary.....	6 O 1903	50 000 ..	"
Thousand Island Park Li- brary.....	1904	7 000 ..	Mrs E. R. Holden
Yonkers Public Library.....	9 Jl 1904	50 000 ..	Andrew Carnegie

aDeed accepted Mar. 10, 1904.

bOld building remodeled.

Buildings in course of erection, Sep. 30, 1904

Place	Occupied	Cost	Given by
Binghamton.....	14 O 1904	\$75 000 ..	Andrew Carnegie
Brooklyn Public, Pacific branch.....	8 O 1904	.....	"
Brooklyn Public, Williamsburg branch.....	.....	.....	"
Brooklyn Public, Bedford branch.....	.....	.....	"
Brooklyn Public, Greenpoint branch.....	.....	.....	"
Dunkirk.....	.....	25 000 ..	"
Gloversville.....	.....	50 000 ..	"
Hornellsville.....	.....	25 000 ..	"
Mt Vernon.....	16 N 1904	50 000 ..	"
N. Y. Public, Tompkins Sq. branch.....	1 D 1904	80 000 ..	"
N. Y. Public, Tottenville branch.....	26 N 1904	25 000 ..	"
and 8 other branches.....	.....	.....	"
North Tonawanda.....	6 D 1904	20 000 ..	"
Penn Yan.....	.....	10 000 ..	"
Queensborough, Astoria branch.....	19 N 1904	30 000 ..	"
Queensborough, Poppenhusen branch.....	5 O 1904	30 000 ..	"
Solvay.....	.....	20 000 ..	"
			and Solvay Process Co.
Syracuse.....	.....	250 000 ..	Andrew Carnegie
Utica.....	12 D 1904	220 000 ..	City of Utica
Watertown, R. P. Flower Memorial.....	10 N 1904	.....	Mrs J. B. Taylor

Gifts. The following list of gifts and bequests to libraries in the state is made up partly from reports to this department and partly from a report to the American Library Association, from which is taken also the summary by states and countries.

LIBRARY Public unless otherwise specified	From	Gift	For	Notes
Albany, N. Y. State Library . . .	Brookline Public Library . . Fairfield Academy Claverack Institute William C. Browning	Books Books Books	 Catalogue out- fit	1338 vols. 647 vols. 557 vols.
Alexandria Bay, Holland Lib. . .	George C. Boldt Willard E. Case	Piano Building	100	Cost \$50,000. City to pay annually 9 cents a volume of approved circu- lation
Auburn, Seymour Library	Dr William Browning	Books		1476 vols. Library of Dr Joseph Jones of New Orleans
Brooklyn, Medical Soc. of the Co. of Kings	Subscribers			6042 vols. Library of Physicians to German Hospital Dispensary of New York
Buffalo Historical Society	Subscribers Residents of Buffalo and U. S. Sup't of Documents	Books	\$275 Endowment	1269 vols.
Buffalo, Women's Ed. & Indust. Union	Mrs Stephen C. Clarke Mrs George W. Townsend . . . Mrs Lawrence Williams	Atlas Books	\$6 800 Building 2 011 Building 6 000 Endowment	15 vols. Opened for use Ap. 25, 1904
Cambridge School	Subscribers Edwin H. Cole	Books		For librarian's salary 25 vols. <i>Encyclopedia Britannica</i>
Canton, St Lawrence University .	Andrew Carnegie	\$25 000 Building		Accepted
Dansville	Isaac Burton	1 000		Bequest
Easton, Burton Free	Andrew Carnegie	15 000	Building	Accepted
Fulton	Mrs Mary Kasson	100 000		Bequest, mainly in real estate
Gloversville	Subscribers	12 000 Building		In addition to Carnegie gift of \$50,000

Greene, Moore Memorial.....	William H. Moore..... } James H. Moore..... }	\$40 000	Building.....	Total gift of \$70,000
	"	50 000	Endowment	
	"	9 000	Organization	
Groton.....	Mrs Nathaniel F. Moore.....	Site.....		From mother of other donors. Li- brary memorial to her husband
	Books.....			84 bound volumes of <i>Harpers Weekly</i>
Haverstraw King's Daughters.....	Mrs Denton Fowler.....	Books.....		Sets of Irving and Scott
Hillview Free.....	Junior King's Daughters.....	\$1 300	Furnishings.....	
	Mrs Lawrence Jacob.....	115	Desk.....	
	Books.....			1975 vols. bequeathed by Mrs Cor- della S. Newell
Hornellsville Free.....	Andrew Carnegie.....	\$25 000	Building.....	Accepted
Hudson Free.....	Mrs F. C. W. Hartley.....	\$20 000	Endowment	Bequest
Irvington, Guiteau Lib.....	F. W. Guiteau.....	\$500	Books.....	
	"	\$3 000	Endowment	
Ithaca, Cornell University.....	Andrew D. White.....	Books.....		880 vols. history and English liter- ature
	Willard Fiske.....	Books.....		302 vols. Arabic literature
Joshua's Rock, Mountainside lib.....	Subscribers.....	Building.....		Bequest of private residence valued at \$2500
Le Roy Library.....	Mrs Matthew Heal.....	\$525		
Long Island City, Queensbor- ough library.....	Residents of College Point. F. M. Lupton.....	Site.....	Building.....	For a Carnegie branch Rooms in building costing \$20,000
Matituck.....	Miss Mary Gardner.....	\$5 000		
Millerton High School.....	Jesse C. Woodhull.....	\$25		Remodeled. Valued at \$3500
Montour Falls Memorial.....	Rufus Beardlee.....	Building.....		From Alaska & Indiana. Valued at \$50
New Berlin.....	Unknown.....	Stuffed birds. \$10 000	Books.....	For Avery library of architecture
New York, Columbia University		3 000	Books.....	" " "
	Mr and Mrs S. P. Avery.....	1 000	Expenses.....	" " "
	Unknown.....	600	Books.....	For Medical Reference Library
	S. B. Ellison.....			20,000 vols. on magic
	Prof. J. McK. Cattell.....	Books.....		1134 vols.
	Dr N. Murray Butler.....	Books.....		250 vols.

LIBRARY Public unless otherwise specified	From	Gift	For	Notes
Gen. Soc. of Mechanics and Tradesmen.....	Andrew Carnegie.....	\$250 000	Building.....	For enlargement
N. Y. Public Library.....	James Becks.....	Books.....	.....	3000 prompt books, containing notes by distinguished actors
	Estate of Isaac Myer.....	Books.....	.....	1817 vols., 375 pamphlets, Egyptian and Hebrew mysticism
	Sec. of State of Great Britain for India.....	Books.....	.....	406 vols., 437 pamphlets relating to Indian government
	Mrs Henry Draper.....	Books.....	.....	360 vols., 91 pamphlets, 235 prints
	Mrs Henry Marquand.....	Books.....	.....	338 vols., 380 pamphlets
	Charles T. Harbeck.....	Books.....	.....	245 vols., 53 ——— naval history and sailing
	Thomas D. Sugden.....	Prints.....	.....	863 American wood engravings
	Daughters of Alfred Jones..	Prints.....	.....	343 engravings, of which 268 are for bank notes
	Elbridge Kingsley.....	Prints.....	.....	Lepha N. Clarke collection of wood engravings
	Samuel P. Avery.....	Prints.....	.....	240 prints, 60 vols. and 74 pamphlets relating to music, art etc.
	Mrs Daniel Butterfield	Maps etc.....	.....	71 field maps, 1168 orders used by Maj. Gen. Butterfield during Civil War
	Mrs Julia S. Bryant.....	Paintings.....	.....	2 oil paintings by Asher B. Durand
N. Y. Public Library.....	G. W. Curtis Memorial committee.....	Bust.....	.....	Bronze bust of G. W. Curtis
	Mrs Simon Sterne.....	Bust.....	.....	Bronze Bust of Simon Sterne
	John Mooney.....	\$3 500	Books.....	241 juvenile books. A memorial
St Francis Xavier College.....	Andrew Carnegie.....	\$10 000	Building.....	Accepted
Palmyra, Kings Daughters Penn Yan.....	Mrs Miller.....	Books.....	.....	Tarbell's Lincoln, valued at \$20
Peterboro Union School.....	Classes of 1903 & 1904	Pictures.....	.....	Juvenile books, valued at \$4 2 large pictures for walls
Potsdam Normal School.....				

Poughkeepsie, Vassar College.....	S. D. C. Kendall.....			Books.....		
Rochester University.....	Hiram W. Sibley.....		\$1 200			For improvements in Sibley Hall
	".....	Bust.....	\$10 500			Bronze bust of Hiram Sibley
Rockville Center.....	Andrew Carnegie.....			Building.....		
Saranac Lake.....	".....		\$10 000	Building.....		
Schenectady, Union College.....		Books.....	\$10 000			500 vols. from Tayler Lewis library.
Schenevus High School.....						Classical and oriental literature
Solvay.....	Solvay Process Co.....	Books.....	\$10 000	Building.....		71 vols.
	".....					To supplement Andrew Carnegie's gift
	F. R. Hazard.....		\$500			of \$10,000
Syracuse University.....	Mrs J. Morrison Reid.....	Site.....	\$6 000	Building.....		Annually toward maintenance
	Andrew Carnegie.....			Endowment...		Valued at \$1500
Ticonderoga.....			\$5 000	Building.....		Bequest. Income for library im-
Warsaw.....	".....		\$10 000	Building.....		provements
Wyoming Free.....	Ernest A. Durfee.....		\$100			Accepted
						Bequest

Summary, by states and countries,

	No.	Gifts in money	Money for buildings etc.	
North Atlantic division	Maine.....	8	\$4 000	\$37 000
	New Hampshire.....	13	30 000	80 000
	Vermont.....	8	253 500	14 000
	Massachusetts.....	103	345 262	258 100
S. Atlantic division	Rhode Island.....	22	58 000	5 000
	Connecticut.....	36	158 385	452 500
	New York.....	64	209 300	453 100
	New Jersey.....	21	18 500	116 000
S. Central division	Pennsylvania.....	18	73 550	75 800
	Delaware.....	1	20 000	
	Maryland.....			
	District of Columbia.....			
North Central division	Virginia.....	1		
	North Carolina.....	2		30 000
	South Carolina.....	8	49 996	
	Georgia.....	1		
Western division	Kentucky.....	1		30 000
	Tennessee.....	2		
	Alabama.....	3		25 000
	Louisiana.....	2	50 000	
North Atlantic division	Texas.....	5		65 000
	Arkansas.....	1		
	Ohio.....	17	14 000	57 350
	Indiana.....	17	42 600	102 500
S. Atlantic division	Illinois.....	17	85 965	140 369
	Michigan.....	7	15 000	315 000
	Wisconsin.....	20	12 025	85 500
	Minnesota.....	25	2 100	107 650
S. Central division	Iowa.....	16	175 250	62 000
	Missouri.....	14	22 260	
	North Dakota.....	2		7 700
	South Dakota.....	2	800	
North Central division	Kansas.....	6	2 125	41 500
	Montana.....			
	Colorado.....	2		25 000
	Idaho.....	2		10 000
Western division	Oregon.....		10 000	
	California.....	27	500	1 356 850
Summary by sections				
North Atlantic division.....	293	\$1 150 497	\$1 491 500	
South Atlantic division.....	13	69 096	30 000	
South Central division.....	14	50 000	120 000	
North Central division.....	143	372 125	919 569	
Western division.....	31	10 500	1 391 850	
Total.....	494	\$1 652 218	\$3 952 919	

■ In the above table, offers of money for library buildings are not given unless accepted.

of gifts and bequests to libraries

Books	Miscellaneous	CARNEGIE GIFTS	
		No.	Amounts
2 649	.....	.....	.....
4 750	.....	.....	.....
20 606	Paintings, tablets, furniture, clock, coins, win-	6	\$97 500
11 470	dows.....	.....	.....
4 548	Clocks, portrait.....	.....	.....
42 764	Prints, paintings, busts.....	7	295 000
1 518	Scientific collections.....	1	10 000
8 260	.....	1	10 800
.....			
.....	Building.....	.....	.....
567	Van Buren papers, Kent papers.....	.....	.....
.....	Library \$100,000.....	.....	.....
7 049	.....	1	30 000
1 800	.....	.....	.....
414	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	1	30 000
895	.....	.....	.....
462	.....	2	25 000
270	.....	.....	.....
4 440	.....	.....	.....
500	.....	.....	.....
6 538	.....	2	33 600
504	.....	3	25 000
684	French marine maps and mss. Museum Nat.	.....	.....
.....	History.....	1	5 000
1 300	.....	2	15 000
725	.....	4	80 000
9 000	.....	8	88 000
.....	Collection of minerals.....	3	32 500
1 825	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	1	2 700
400	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	1	40 000
.....	Library \$100,000.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	2	25 000
.....	.....	1	5 000
.....	.....	12	135 000
3 350	3 large mural paintings.....	.....	.....
of the country etc.			
96 565	.....	15	\$413 300
9 830	.....	1	30 000
6 567	.....	3	55 000
20 976	.....	25	321 800
3 350	.....	15	165 000
137 288	.....	58	\$985 100

The Carnegie gifts are included in the preceding column of money for buildings.

LEGISLATION

In 1904 legislative sessions were held in 16 states. 12 of these passed 37 library laws of general application and a number of local acts. Geographically they are divided: North Atlantic States, 6 laws in 4 states; Southern, 15 laws in 6 states; North Central, 8, all in Ohio; Western, 8, all in Iowa.

In New York the unification bill is of first importance. It combines in one the University of the State of New York and the Department of Public Instruction forming the Education Department. This is controlled by a board of 11 (formerly 23) Regents elected by the Legislature, one each year for a term of 11 years, instead of for life as formerly. The chief executive, the Commissioner of Education, is elected for 6 years, and has large independent powers. He has appointed 3 assistant commissioners, a director of libraries and a director of science. In the Library Division are centralized all library and home education activities of the State, including the State Library, common school, public and traveling libraries, traveling pictures, study clubs, extension teaching etc.

Public libraries. Considerable activity is manifest in the South. Alabama for the first time mentions library associations in a law, which is only a brief addition to the code relating to corporations, stating that a library shall have 3 to 9 trustees. Georgia has amended the law of 1901 which placed the management of public libraries in the hands of school authorities. This power is now vested in a board of trustees elected by the city council. This insures the attention of a board whose sole aim is to promote the growth and influence of the public library. In Ohio public libraries in cities and villages are to have 6 trustees, not over 3 from same political party, not over 3 women.

Joint control of public libraries. In Iowa colleges and cities may jointly establish and maintain public libraries on such terms as may be mutually agreed, the library tax and qualifications of trustees being the same as in other cities, the city treasurer to pay library taxes to library treasurer.

Transfer. Ohio municipalities may transfer suitable property to district public libraries. Kentucky free library corporations may transfer libraries to cities or towns for free use.

School libraries. New York raised the annual appropriation for school libraries from \$55,000 to \$100,000. Regulations for distribution are to be made by the Commissioner of Education. The state grant and its equivalent can be spent for approved books only. South Carolina follows the plan of North Carolina. When \$10 have

been raised by private subscription in any district, the county and the state shall each appropriate a like amount. Districts may exchange libraries. \$5000 annually are appropriated and grants are limited to 12 schools a year in any one county.

Traveling libraries. New Jersey transfers the management of traveling libraries from the State Library to the Public Library Commission. This is contrary to the prevailing tendency, when changes are made, for the state library to absorb the commission and assume its functions, as in New Hampshire, Ohio and Washington.

State libraries. The Kentucky State Librarian is to be elected by the General Assembly every 4 years (formerly every 2 years), with salary increased from \$1000 to \$1200. Georgia raises assistant librarian's salary from \$800 to \$1200. Virginia gives \$5000 for more assistants and permits books to be lent for 2 weeks instead of 10 days, repealing a clause forbidding removal of books from the city of Richmond and substitutes the advanced idea of interlibrary loans and traveling libraries.

Documents. 7 states dealt with distribution and exchange of public documents. Rhode Island gives the State Library 25 copies of every state publication for distribution to libraries in the state. Iowa authorizes the Secretary of State to exchange the code for documents of foreign countries for the State Library. State documents are to be sent to colleges on application. Such documents as are not required for public use are referred to the State Librarian and the Curators of State and Law Library of the Historical Department on whose recommendation the executive council may dispose of documents.

Law libraries. In Alabama the Supreme Court librarian's salary is raised. Ohio provides for printing and distributing the catalogue of 1904 of the Supreme Court Library and requires counties to pay librarian's salary where an association maintains a free law library. In Massachusetts incorporated law libraries are to receive free the same public documents as county law libraries.

Historical societies. Maryland gives \$4000 to State Historical Society to prepare and publish state archives. Ohio \$7500 for republishing 12 annual volumes of State Archaeological and Historical Society. Iowa appropriates \$7500 annually [formerly \$1000] for support of State Historical Society and \$200,000 to complete state historical, memorial and art building.

Tax. Ohio township trustees may levy annually 1 instead of $\frac{1}{10}$ mill for public libraries. Iowa raises the maximum tax in

cities and towns to 2 mills, formerly 1 mill in first-class and 2 in second-class cities. In addition it permits 20% of the mulct tax to be given to public libraries.

Capital stock. In New Jersey educational, library or literary corporations may issue capital stock, change name, etc.

Penalties. Iowa fixes a penalty of \$100 or 30 days imprisonment for injury to library property. In Virginia one half the fine for damage to State Library property is to go to the library and it is made a misdemeanor not to return books within 2 weeks after notice.

Summary of statutes

Each followed by chapter or page number and date when it became law.

Alabama. Incorporated library associations to have 3 to 9 trustees. Amending Code §1302. p.41, 6 F 03; p.241, 18 S 03

Salary of assistant marshal and librarian of Supreme Court to be \$1000 [formerly \$600]. Amending Code '96 §3847. p.341, 1 O 03

Georgia. Management of public library and expenditure of public money therefore to be vested in board of trustees *elected by city council* [formerly public school trustees or board of education or other body controlling public schools]. Amending '01 p.52. p.90, 15 Ag 04

Salary of Assistant State Librarian \$1200 [formerly \$800]. Amending Code §150. p.50, 16 J1 04

Iowa. Cities and towns may appropriate 20% of mulct tax in addition to regular tax for free public libraries. Amending Code §732. 25, 13 Ap 04

Cities and towns may levy library tax of 2 mills [formerly 1 mill in cities of 1st class, 2 in 2d class cities] for maintenance; additional tax of 3 mills for site and building [formerly in 1st class cities.] Amending Code §894, subdiv. 4. 38, 13 Ap 04

Colleges and cities may jointly establish and maintain public library on such terms as may be mutually agreed upon; library tax and qualifications of trustees same as in other cities; library trustees may elect library treasurer to whom city treasurer shall pay library taxes. Amending Code §728, 730. 24, 13 Ap 04

List of state documents which Secretary of State deems not required for public use to be referred to committee consisting of State Librarian and Curators of State Law Library and Historical Department; executive council may dispose of documents, if recommended by committee. 6, 9 Ap 04

Misdemeanor to injure library property; fine \$100 or 30 days in prison. 131, 31 Mr 04

Secretary of State may exchange code for documents of foreign countries; to be deposited in State Library. State documents to be sent to colleges on application. Amending '97 ch.20. 142, 4 Ap 04

\$7500 [formerly \$1000] annually for permanent support of State Historical Society of Iowa. Amending Code §2882. 117, 9 Ap 04

\$200,000 for completing state historical, memorial and art building. 163, 2 Ap 04

Kentucky. Corporations for maintaining free libraries may transfer them to cities or towns for free use. Amending '92 ch.14 §4. 86, 22 Mr 04

State Librarian to be elected by General Assembly every 4 [formerly 2] years; salary \$1200 [formerly \$1000]. Amending '93 ch.262. 10, 27 F 04

Maryland. Commission of 3 appointed by Governor to report to General Assembly on better preservation of public records; describing grade of paper to be used in manuscript records. \$1000 for expenses of commission. 282, 7 Ap 04

\$4000 to Maryland Historical Society to prepare and publish state archives; sale and exchange. 41, 9 Mr 04

Local law incorporating County Bar and Law Library Association. p.266

Maryland Historical Society to furnish free 1 copy of archives of Maryland published by society to Washington County Free Library. 47, 11 Mr 04

State Librarian to buy 150 copies of Maryland Calendar of Wills 1635-1777 for distribution and exchange. 404, 7 Ap 04

Subscribing for 400 copies of Riley's History of General Assembly of Maryland 1637-1904 to be distributed by State Librarian. 622, 12 Ap 04

Massachusetts. Incorporated law libraries to receive same public documents as county law libraries; additional copy for each branch. 209, 9 Ap 04

New Jersey. Educational, library or literary corporations authorized to issue capital stock, may change name, increase capital, abrogate provision for preferred stock or abolish capital stock. 118, 28 Mr 04

Transferring management of traveling libraries from State Library to Public Library Commission. Amending '98 ch.175. 23, 7 Mr 04

New York. Authorizing council of city of Dunkirk to pay annually \$3000 [formerly \$500] to its Free Public Library. Amending '85 ch.396. As amended by '99 ch.140 §10.

Establishing Joseph F. Barnard Memorial Law Library at Poughkeepsie to be designated as Supreme Court Library; 5 trustees and successors appointed by Governor from Dutchess county bar, term 5 years; cost of maintenance to be charge on county; salary of librarian \$300. 253, 8 Ap 04

\$45,000 additional appropriation for common school libraries to duplicate like sums locally raised; regulations for distribution to be prescribed by Commissioner of Education; for approved books only; on request of local authorities Commissioner may select or buy books for library. 668, 9 My 04

Salary of librarian of 5th Judicial District Law Library at Utica to be \$1000 [formerly \$300]. Amending '77 ch.94. 37, 3 Mr 04

University of State of New York to be governed by 11 [formerly 23] Regents, term 11 years [formerly for life], no ex officio members [formerly 4]; elected by Legislature; Commissioner of Education to be elected by Legislature for 6 years, thereafter by Regents; Commissioner to be executive officer of Regents with power to create departments and appoint heads; offices of Superintendent of Public Instruction and Secretary of Regents abolished; combining two departments with their appropriations. 40, 8 Mr 04

Unused proceeds from bonds sold to provide funds for preparing Yonkers Public Library site may be used to furnish library. Amending '02 ch.462. 374, 26 Ap 04

Yonkers, council may levy tax of \$6500 [formerly \$5000] for public library. Amending '95 ch.635, title 4 §3. 405, 26 Ap 04

Ohio. Counties in which an association provides law library free shall pay salary of librarian, limited in certain counties to \$500; county commissioners to provide for housing library. Amending Revised Statutes §1536 subdiv. 935-36. p.72, 7 Ap 04

\$5000 for additional rooms for State Library.

p.515, 27 Ap 04; p.641, 24 Mr 04

Free public libraries in cities and villages to have 6 trustees, not over 3 from same political party and *not over 3 shall be women*. Amending '02 p.20 (ex. sess) §218. p.34, 15 Mr 04

Municipalities may transfer property suitable for library purposes to trustees of public library for school district. p.133, 21 Ap 04

Providing for biennial publication and distribution of biographic annals of Ohio. p.521, 19 Ap 04

Providing for printing and distributing catalogue of 1904 of Supreme Court Library. p.634, 16 F 04

\$7500 for republishing 12 annual volumes of Ohio State Archaeologic and Historical Society; distribution and exchange. p.648, 25 Ap 04

Township trustees may levy annual tax of 1 [formerly $\frac{1}{10}$] mill for public library. Amending Revised Statutes §1476. p.26, 3 Mr 04; p.189, 23 Ap 04

Rhode Island. State Librarian to receive 25 copies of every state publication for distribution to libraries of the state. 1148, 25 Mr 04

South Carolina. When \$10 has been raised by private subscription for free public school library, county and state boards of education each to appropriate \$10; local board to buy books from list furnished by state board; districts may exchange libraries; \$5000 annually; appropriations limited to 12 schools per year in any one county. 207, 18 F 04

Virginia. Fine for injuring State Library property \$5 to \$500, $\frac{1}{2}$ to go to library, or imprisonment not over 6 months; for unlawfully removing State library property not over \$500 or 12 months imprisonment; misdemeanor not to return State Library property within two weeks after notice. 21, 19 F 04

Providing for exchange of duplicates by State Library, interlibrary loans, additional assistants, traveling libraries. Books may be kept out of library 2 weeks [formerly 10 days and no book to be taken out of Richmond]. Amending Code ch.18. 53, 8 Mr 04

Revising Code ch.18 relative to distribution and sale of public documents and buying books for State Library. Repealing '03 sex. ses. ch. 253, 261.

547 (ex. sess.), 2 Ja 04

Library commissions. In the past year there has been no change in the state library commissions and the table of last year is here reproduced.

State	Law approved	Name	Secretary
Colorado.....	Ap. 10, 1899	Bd of Lib. Com'rs...	George M. Lee, Denver.....
Colorado.....	Ap. 13, 1903	Trav. Lib. Com.....	Mrs Julia V. Welles, Denver..
Connecticut...	June 1, 1893	Pub. Lib. Committee	Caroline M. Hewins, Hartford...
Delaware.....	Mar. 9, 1901	State Lib. Com.....	Cornelius Frear, Dover.....
Georgia.....	Dec. 16, 1897	State Lib. Com.....	Anne Wallace, Atlanta.....
Idaho.....	Mar. 11, 1903	State Lib. Com.....	.....
Indiana.....	Feb. 24, 1899	Public Lib. Com....	W. E. Henry, Indianapolis.....
Iowa.....	Mar. 20, 1900	Iowa Lib. Com.....	Alice S. Tyler, Des Moines.....
Kansas.....	Mar. 4, 1899	Trav. Lib. Com.....	Nellie G Armentrout, Topeka..
Maine.....	Feb. 23, 1899	Library Com.....	Leonard D. Carver, Augusta...
Maryland.....	Ap. 8, 1902	State Lib. Com.....	Bernard C. Steiner, Baltimore..
Maryland.....	Ap. 8, 1902	Free Lib. Com.....	Mary L. Titcomb, Hagerstown..
Massachusetts	May 28, 1890	Bd of Free Lib. C....	Elizabeth P. Sohler, Beverly....
Michigan.....	June 1, 1899	Bd of Lib. Com'rs...	Mrs Mary C. Spencer, Lansing...
Minnesota....	Ap. 21, 1899	State Pub. Lib. C... Gratia A. Countryman, Minne- apolis	
Nebraska.....	Mar. 27, 1901	Public Lib. Com....	Edna D. Bullock, Lincoln.....
New Hamp're	Feb. 3, 1903	State Lib. Trustees..	Arthur H. Chase, Concord.....
New Jersey...	Mar. 20, 1900	Public Lib. Com....	Henry C. Buchanan, Trenton...
Ohio.....	Ap. 22, 1896	Bd of Lib. Com'rs...	C. B. Galbreath, Columbus.....
Pennsylvania.	May 5, 1899	Free Lib. Com.....	T. L. Montgomery, Harrisburg..
Vermont.....	Nov. 6, 1894	Bd of Lib. Com'rs...	Mrs M. H. Buckham, Burlington
Washington...	Mar. 17, 1903	State Lib. Com.....	J. A. Gabel, Olympia.....
Wisconsin....	Ap. 29, 1895	Free Lib. Com.....	Henry E. Legler, Madison.....

commissions

Last annual appropriation	Traveling libraries	State aid	COMMISSIONERS			Other information
			No.	Term	Appointed by	
\$250	No	No	5	5	Governor.....	Appointees to be nominated by Colorado Federation of Women's Clubs
1 000	Yes	No	5	3	Governor.....	State Librarian secretary ex officio
9 750	Yes	Yes	5	1	State B'd of Edu.	Consists of Atty. General, Sec. of State, Sup't of Public Instruction and pres. of State Univ.
700	Yes	Yes	9	5	Governor.....	State Librarian chairman and president.
None	No	No	5	3	Governor.....	Kansas State Social Science Federation of Clubs members ex officio
2 500	Yes	No	4			State Librarian member ex officio
7 000	Yes	No	3	4	Governor.....	State Librarian, Sup't of Pub. Instruction and librarian of Enoch Pratt Library members ex officio. 2 appointees to be women. Chiefly for trav. lib.
6 000	Yes	No	7	5	Governor.....	Applies to only 9 of 23 counties. Chiefly for county libraries
4 000	Yes	No	5	3	Directors of State Library	State Librarian member ex officio. Traveling libraries managed by State Lib.
5 700	Yes	Yes	5	4	Governor.....	President of State University, Sup't of Pub. Instruction and sec. State Hist. Soc. members ex officio
1 000	Yes	No	7	2	Governor.....	State Librarian, Sup't of Pub. Instruction, chancellor and librarian of State University members ex officio
1 000	No	No	5	5	Governor.....	In place of commission of 1891
3 700	No	Yes	5	5	Governor.....	Traveling libraries operated by com'rs of State Library
7 800	Yes	No	5	4	Governor.....	Traveling libraries operated by com'rs of State Library
6 000	Yes	No	5	6	Governor.....	State Librarian member ex officio and secretary
3 000	Yes	No	5	5	Governor.....	Consists of Governor, Supreme Court judges and Atty. General; advisory board of 5
.....	No	Yes	.....	.....	.....	President of University of Wisconsin, State Sup't and sec. of State Hist. Soc. members ex officio
2 500	Yes	Yes	5	5	Governor.....	
8 000	Yes	No	3	6	Governor.....	
6 000	Yes	No	6	5	Governor.....	
1 400	Yes	Yes	5	5	Governor.....	
None	Yes	Yes	7	.....	.....	
18 000	Yes	No	5	5	Governor.....	

LIBRARY MEETINGS

New York Library Association

Library week. The New York (State) Library Association held its 14th annual meeting at Lake Placid Sep. 24-Oct. 3.

LIBRARY INSTITUTES

The committee on library institutes reported through W: R. Eastman, showing that 8 meetings had been held under its auspices. In each place, save in the central New York district, where the sessions were confined to one day, the meetings began in the afternoon and continued into the next day. In some places there were 3 sessions, in others, 4. Of the 8 places visited, only 2, Geneva and Albany, had received previous meetings. The following table shows the date, record of attendance, and the name of each conductor.

Attendance at New York library institutes 1904

Date	Place	Libraries represented	ATTENDANCE		Conductor
			Day sessions	Evening	
May 3-4.....	Elmira.....	6	18	50	M. E. Hazeltine
5-6.....	Jamestown..	14	24	28	E. W. Green
10-11.....	Geneva.....	7	28	80	Mrs H. L. Elmen-
					dorf
11.....	Auburn.....	10	42	60	Miss E. P. Clarke
18-19.....	Albany.....	19	37	92	W: R. Eastman
19-20.....	Port Jervis..	5	15	40	J. A. Rathbone
24-25.....	Little Falls..	13	72	300	Mrs S. C. Fairchild
26-27.....	Gouverneur..	6	22	40	W: R. Eastman

a Total registry at all sessions.

Mention should also be made of the very practical and profitable institutes held under the auspices of the Long Island Library Club, at Jamaica, Nov. 21, 1903 and at Rockville Center, May 14, 1904.

The report continues:

In accordance with the published program, the first session of each meeting was occupied with the practical problems of reference in a small library. In preparation for most of the institutes, a few sample questions were sent out in advance. The result of these exercises was to demonstrate the vast resources hidden in a comparatively common and small collection of books, when handled by an intelligent librarian.

The sessions of the second day were generally occupied by two subjects of never ending interest, work with children and buying books, and were filled with profitable experience and suggestion.

The evening sessions were given over to the local club and were generally made the occasion of a direct appeal to the public.

A careful comparison of the numbers in attendance for the past three years shows:

Library institute attendance 1902-4

Districts	LIBRARIES			DAY SESSIONS			EVENING		
	'02	'03	'04	'02	'03	'04	'02	'03	'04
Binghamton.....	8	10	6	25	30	18	80	75	50
Olean.....	15	16	14	30	26	24	75	42	28
Rochester.....	12	12	7	25	20	28	32	160	80
Syracuse.....	15	12	10	50	40	42	125	80	60
Utica.....	18	18	13	75	80	72	200	500	300
Albany.....	15	18	19	50	74	37	100	96	92
Middletown.....	13	14	5	22	26	15	25	100	40
Ogdensburg.....	12	8	6	22	21	22	100	50	40
Total.....	108	108	80	299	317	258	737	1 103	690

It thus appears that for the first and second years, the attendance was nearly equal, and that in the last year there was a slight falling off in numbers. Some meeting places this year were not as central as before, and this decrease may mean only that those who came at first for curiosity were content to stay away, while those who came for work and profit, remained as earnest as ever. That the quality of the meetings was inferior will not be suggested by any one present. Indeed, they seemed to be more practical and helpful than ever before and quite as highly appreciated by those who came. But clearly the year has not seen an advance in numbers, and the libraries and librarians which have not been reached are largely in the majority. Out of 500 to 600 libraries in the State, whose co-operation is desired, only 108 were counted present in 1902, and but 80 in 1904.

The organization of 8 local library clubs has been a distinct gain. Each of these clubs made certain the presence of a group of interested persons who accepted the responsibility of making preparation for the meetings, arranging the program of the evening sessions, and sending notice to the neighboring libraries. Some accomplished more than others but in every case these few devoted workers undoubtedly accomplished more than the state committee could possibly have done this year without them. The hope for the future of the institute movement on its present lines will rest largely in the hands of the district clubs. The following table shows the organization of these clubs for the current year:

New York library clubs 1904-5

Library club	President	Vice president	Secretary	Treasurer
Southern tier.....	G. H. Miller.....	Mrs K. D. Andrews....	Miss K. S. Peck, Binghamton.....	Miss K. S. Peck
Olean district.....	M. E. Hazeltine.....	Carrie M. Monchow....	E. Brown, Olean.....	E. Brown
Lake country.....	W. H. Truesdale.....	Henrietta Hicks.....	Caroline F. Webster, Geneseo.....	Caroline F. Webster
Central New York...	E. W. Mundy.....	W. T. Roote.....	E. P. Clarke, Auburn.....	E. P. Clarke
Mohawk valley.....	A. L. Peck.....	Carrie L. Richardson..	Waller I. Bullock, Utica.....	Eugenie Steven
St Lawrence.....	E. W. Flagg.....	Mrs H. A. Chapman...	Florence R. Curtis, Potsdam.....	Mary K. Hasbrouck
Hudson valley.....	W. F. Yust.....	Louise E. Lodewick....	Celia M. Houghton, Albany.....	Ella R. Wagar
Highlands.....	Mary K. Vankeuren...	Mrs Joel Whitten.....	Elisabeth G. Thorne, Port Jervis....	Elisabeth G. Thorne

We have now the experience of three years of library institutes to guide us in our plans for the future. That we have already accomplished something important is clear, that there is very much more to be done is equally clear. What we have gained is that groups of librarians here and there are getting together and that their library work means more to them than it did, and they are beginning to do it better. The task yet before us is to persuade the majority of librarians in the small places that they are called to do something more than merely to hand out and charge the books that are called for. We want to lead them to see the significance of their service of introducing the people to the ministry and society of books and induce them to make great efforts to be efficient in doing this. At the same time we want to create such a popular appreciation of this great service that it shall be welcomed and rewarded.

A voluntary association like ours can hardly be expected to accomplish such a service. There is not among us a leisure class on which we can draw to the needed extent. The leaders whom we want are not at liberty, except for occasional service, and the association is hardly prepared to maintain a bureau for this purpose.

It has therefore been suggested that we call on the State for help. Already the State is doing a good share of the work. There is in the state service a small body of workers whose plans are turned toward the same ends that the association has in view.

The State in appealing to the libraries, has several advantages, in that all the libraries are organized by the State, report to and are visited by the State, and many of them receive aid from the State. To carry on these relations, a library division staff is a necessity. A comparatively slight reinforcement might furnish precisely the help needed for the larger service.

The association, at its meeting in 1903 voted to send a copy of the report on institutes, to the Regents of the University, "together with a communication calling the attention of the Regents to the results already accomplished by the institutes, thanking the Regents for their cooperation and assistance in this work, and urging them to continue like assistance in the future." At a meeting of the Regents Dec. 3, 1903, it was:

Voted, That the Regents are pleased to receive from the New York Library Association their report of library institutes held during the past two years. They can not fail to recognize the great value of this movement, not only in the advice and instruction given to librarians, but also in bringing to many communities a new sense of the vital significance of public libraries in the educational system, and in emphasizing the equally vital importance of intelligent library administration. The Regents appreciate and welcome this voluntary and generous service, and assure the association of their deep interest in the success of the work undertaken. Through its proper department, the University will gladly cooperate with the Library Association, and extend such aid and encouragement as may properly and wisely be given.

On the recommendation of the committee, the following resolutions were adopted:

1 That in the judgment of this association, the work of library institutes is of vital importance, and should be strengthened and continued.

2 That the officers of the association acting jointly with the committee on institutes, are instructed to send a copy of this report to the State Commissioner of Education and the Regents of the University, asking their early and earnest consideration of its suggestions and pledging the hearty cooperation of this association in any steps the State Department may take to promote the utmost efficiency in library administration.

3 That the whole matter of the policy and control of institutes for the ensuing year be referred with full power to act to a joint committee, to consist of the executive board and the Library Institute committee, with power to add to their number.

The association voted to continue the institute work under the same committee, consisting of J. H. Canfield of New York; W. R. Eastman of Albany; and A. L. Peck of Gloversville.

Other topics of discussion. The general subject chosen for the conference was The Function of the Public Library in Democratic Society, the discussion of which was opened by the president, Mrs. H. L. Elmendorf, of Buffalo.

Dr George E. Vincent, of the University of Chicago, spoke on The Library as the Social Memory.

Miss Marie L. Shedlock of London occupied one session with an exposition and illustration of the Fun and Philosophy of Hans. Christian Andersen.

Dr Aksel Andersson of the University of Upsala library gave an informal account of the Swedish libraries.

Mr John Thomson of Philadelphia discussed the classification of fiction.

Dr J. H. Canfield of Columbia University library gave an address on The Librarian's Duty as a Citizen.

Miss Mae E. Schreiber, state inspector of literature in the State Education Department, spoke on Literature for Children.

OFFICERS 1904-5

President, William R. Eastman, New York State Library

Vice president, Miss Helen E. Haines, of the *Library Journal*, New York

Secretary, Miss Ellen M. Chandler, Buffalo Public Library

Treasurer, Edwin White Gaillard, New York Public Library

(Reports of the meeting are in the *Library Journal*, October, p. 537-41, and *Public Libraries*, November 1904, p.455-59.)

Local associations

Buffalo Library Club. Three meetings were held in the lecture room of the Buffalo Public Library. Dates and subjects were as follows:

Nov. 5, 1903. Character of Work to be Done by the Club. Annual meeting for election of officers.

Jan. 28, 1904. Celtic Poets and their Work. Revision of "A. L. A." catalogue.

Mar. 25, 1904. The Niebelungenlied.

Officers for 1904-5: president, E. P. Van Duzee, Grosvenor Library; vice president, W. L. Brown, Buffalo Public Library; secretary and treasurer, Katherine L. Cuthbert, Law Library.

For fuller reports of these meetings, see *Library Journal*, 1903, p.842; 1904, p.83, 192.

Long Island Library Club. Five meetings and two institutes were held during the year by the club, as follows:

Oct. 15, 1903. Pratt Institute Free Library. The Value of Good Books in Reformatory Work.

Dec. 3, 1903. Packer Collegiate Institute Library. Shall our Public Libraries Buy Books in Foreign Languages?

Feb. 8, 1903. Building of the Long Island Historical Society. Sketch of the Historical Society; The Influence of the Dutch in Manhattan and Long Island.

Ap. 21, 1904. Young Women's Christian Association in Brooklyn. Reading for Boys and Girls of the High School Age.

May 19, 1903. Farm House in Prospect Park. Nature Literature.

Institutes: Nov. 21, 1903. High School building in Jamaica. Attendance 40. Cataloguing for a Small Library; Importance of the Librarian's Personal Reading; How to Improve the Reading of the Young.

May 14, 1904. Rockville Center. How to Make the Most of a Small Appropriation.

Officers for 1904-5: president, Miss Theresa Hitchler, Brooklyn Public Library; secretary, Miss Josephine Rathbone, Brooklyn, Pratt Institute Library; treasurer Miss Sara Jacobsen, Brooklyn Public Library.

For full reports of the meetings and institutes, see *Library Journal*, 1903, p. 788-89, 843-44; 1904, p. 145-46, 257-58, 318-20.

New York Library Club. Six meetings were held during the year as follows:

Oct. 8, 1903. Board of Education hall, Park av. and 59th st. Relations of Libraries and Schools.

Nov. 12, 1903. Equitable Life Assurance Society Library, 120 Broadway. Specialization of Libraries.

Jan. 14, 1904. Chatham Square branch of N. Y. Public Library. East-side Reading.

Feb. 16, 1904. Adelphi Association, 5th av. and 18th st. Annual dinner, chief speaker, Dr Herbert Putnam of Washington.

Mar. 10, 1904. Y. W. C. A., 7 East 15th st. The Library as a Civilizing Force.

May 12, 1904. N. Y. University auditorium, University Heights. Architectural Competition for Library Buildings.

Officers for 1904-5: president, Charles A. Nelson; vice presidents, Miss Isabel E. Lord and Miss Adelaide R. Hasse; treasurer, Henry W. Kent; secretary, Miss Harriet Husted.

Library Journal reports the meetings noted for 1903 on p. 728, 845; for 1904 on p. 84-85, 146, 194, 320.

National associations

American Library Association. The 26th annual meeting of the American Library Association was held at St Louis Mo. Oct. 17-22 with an attendance of over 600 delegates, representing 16 different countries, Austria, Belgium, Chili, China, France, Germany, Great Britain, Guatemala, Holland, Honduras, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Norway, Peru and Sweden. The sessions held in the main hall of the Hall of Congresses, notwithstanding the many exposition attractions, were faithfully and enthusiastically attended.

Dr Herbert Putnam's president's address was on The Growth of the Influence of Librarians.

Mr L. Stanley Jast, delegate from England, gave an address on Library Extension Methods in Great Britain, outlining in particular, the practice of giving library lectures and book talks to the public.

An extended and interesting paper on Recent Library Practice in Great Britain by Henry Bond of England was read by A. E. Bostwick of New York.

Other subjects treated by foreign delegates were: Library Legislation in Great Britain; Work with Children in British Libraries; Production of Books in Great Britain; Popular Libraries in Denmark; Progress and Present State of Libraries in New Zealand; Research Libraries in Sweden; Swedish Union Accessions Katalog; The General Library Situation in Italy; State Supported Libraries of Norway.

Bibliographic projects, international and national, received a large share of attention. M. Henri LaFontaine, of the Institut International de Bibliographie, outlined the work of the Institut toward the formation of a universal bibliography. He dwelt particularly on the growing use of the American decimal classification as a universal scheme, both in its more simple form and in the highly elaborated form in use in the Brussels Institut and Mr H. H. Field reviewed the activities of the Concilium Bibliographicum of Zurich. Dr Cyrus Adler spoke on the International Catalog of Scientific Literature. Dr J. D. Thompson reported on the handbook of learned societies, now in preparation by the Library of Congress. The need of an international bibliography of official literature, which should bring out satisfactorily the subjects dealt with by the public documents, was presented by Miss Adelaide R. Hasse, in a most suggestive paper.

Present Tendencies in the Three Fields of Classification, Cataloging and Annotation brought out an interesting group of addresses, particular attention being given to the matter of international cooperation in cataloguing.

There were also some papers dealing directly with American library conditions. State Aid to Libraries as developed in recent years in various states of the Union, was reviewed by Miss Gratia Countryman. W. D. Johnston, of the Library of Congress, urged the need of an annual yearbook of library science. R. R. Bowker presented a paper on Recent Bibliography in the United States.

The total membership was reported over 1400, the largest in the history of the association.

The report on gifts and bequests showed a total of 506 gifts to libraries for the year, representing in all, 137,318 volumes and \$6,103,137, of which \$1,507,600 were Carnegie grants.

The report on library administration outlined the fixed items needed in a library report, and gave excellent suggestions on uniformity and practical details.

The committee on relations with the book trade reported its efforts to keep libraries informed of economical methods of buying books, and of means to mitigate the hardships occasioned by the present net price system.

OFFICERS 1904-5

President, Dr Ernest Cushing Richardson of Princeton University Library

First vice president, William E. Foster, Providence Public Library

Second vice president, Mrs H. L. Elmendorf, Buffalo Public Library

Secretary, J. I. Wyer jr, University of Nebraska Library

Treasurer, Gardner M. Jones, Salem Public Library

Recorder, Miss Helen E. Haines, *Library Journal*

For papers and proceedings, see *Library Journal*, Dec. 1904, and *Public Libraries*, Nov. 1904.

The various sections held no meetings, their officers being carried over another year, but a meeting of those associated in state commission work was held which resulted in the formation of a League of Library Commissions.

National Association of State Librarians. The seventh annual meeting of the association was held at the same time and place as the "A. L. A." conference. The important decision was made to affiliate as a section, with the American Library Association.

OFFICERS 1904-5

President, George S. Godard, State Librarian of Connecticut

First Vice president, Henry C. Buchanan, State Librarian of New Jersey

Second vice president, E. A. Nelson, State Librarian of Minnesota

Secretary and treasurer, Miss Anna G. Hubbard, Indiana State Library

National Educational Association, Library department. The eighth annual meeting of the library department of the N. E. A. was held in St Louis, June 28 and 30, 1904, with a large attendance. The general theme for the meeting was The Relation of the Normal School in the Matter of Library Training. All the papers were followed by animated discussions. Pres. T. B. Noss of the State Normal School, Pennsylvania, opened the discussion.

J. N. Wilkinson, president of the State Normal School, Emporia Kan. made an address on The Duty of the Normal School in Relation to District Libraries.

C. E. Meleney of the New York public schools, read a paper on The Place of the Library in Class Instruction.

A general discussion of the Value of the Library in Education, was presented by Dr Schaeffer of Pennsylvania, Dr J. H. Canfield of New York, F. M. Crunden of St Louis and Miss M. E. Ahern, editor of *Public Libraries*.

For fuller report, see *Public Libraries*, October 1904, p.416-18.

Respectfully submitted

MELVIL DEWEY

Director

State Library, Dec. 31, 1904

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